

LOBBY CORPS MINUTES

Meeting #26
April 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reyalyn Villegas called the meeting to order at 2:31pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Reyalyn Villegas, Chief Government Relations Officer
Jireh Deng, Student-at-Large/Vice Chair
Hamzah Khatib, Student-at-Large
Jude Khatib, Student-at-Large
Justin Contreras, Senate Representative
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President (AR @ 2:35pm)

Voting Members Absent

Mateo Maya, Senate Representative
Frances Canales, Senate Representative

Non-voting Members Present

Autumn Farmer, AVP Legislative & External Relations' Designee
Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director Government Affairs & Initiatives
Genesis Jara, ASI President

Non-Voting Members Absent

3. APPROVAL /CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Report Update to Advancement and Government Relations

(M)H. Khatib (S)Contreras to approve the Lobby Corps Agenda, Meeting #26, April 18, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #25, April 11, 2019

(M)Contreras (S)J. Khatib to approve the Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #25, April 11, 2019

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 6-0-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. REPORTS

A. Chief Government Relations Officer

- Attended the CSSA Plenary Meeting at Cal State La.

B. Vice Chair

There were none

C. Students-at-Large Representatives

There were none

D. Senate

Contreras:

- President Jara gave the State of the AS in the last Senate meeting.
- Passed the second reading on the resolution to Institutionalize times for all the ASI Boards

- First reading on the resolution to specify the role of ASI Commissioner for Environmental Justice.

E. AVP Legislative & External Relations

New Associate Vice President for Advancement & Government Relations position was filled – waiting on further explanation on how they will participate in Lobby Corps.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Advocacy Day

Villegas reviewed the following updates:

- Urged members to be on the same page on Advocacy Day.
- The event will be on Tuesday, April 23rd
- Set up is at 10 am, and cleanup is after 2 pm
- At –Large Deng, Senator Contreras and At-Large H. Khatib are confirmed for set up and cleanup of the Event.
- At-Large J. Khatib confirmed their presence for set up
- Senator Contreras will reach out to other Senators to participate in the event.
- Senator Canales will not be able to be present during the entire event and Maia has not responded their availability yet.
- San Miguel: Who is the representative for ASI Involvement table?

Contreras: Will reach out to other boards to ask for participation on Advocacy Day

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Know Your Politics

San Miguel: Advised the board to wait on the revision from Judiciary, prior to reviewing the item.

B. Discussion Item: Thank You Letters

Villegas asked for input on how to compose the “Thank You Letters”

The board then discussed how the letter should be formulated.

Villegas: How to address the representatives we did not meet?

Autumn – Proposed extending an invitation to meet at local offices to discuss Financial Aid Reform.

Villegas: Spoke to Chief Velasquez regarding having personal stories attached to the Thank You Letter

Contreras: Supported the idea, but the letters should come from student advocates.

Deng: As a closing statement, there should be an ASI point of contact to establish a relation with the representative.

San Miguel: To expedite the process, there could be one story from a board member. Regarding the point of contact, it should be the ASI Government Office.

The board decided on having statements from the board, instead of a story. They will sign off the letter by the next meeting.

9. VOLUNTARY CLOSING COMMENTS

Villegas: Do not forget to send your nominations to Lobby Corps Member of the Year to San Miguel by April 19th.

Deng: I shared an article regarding students going to council meetings to discuss homelessness. Are we going to provide any assistance to them?

Villegas: Since we have Advocacy Day coming up, we can discuss the idea after the event.

Villegas re-affirmed the importance of having the board present on Advocacy Day.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 3pm.